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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIS Chapter IX Contributors

SUBJECT : Inclusion of information on cartographic techniques  
in Chapter IX

1. Some contributions to Chapter IX have placed undue emphasis on cartographic devices used on maps recommended in the chapter, whereas others have included the information only if the manner of presentation is of particular significance.

2. Since emphasis should be placed on what information is shown rather than on how it is presented, it is requested that references to symbolization, patterns, lines, and other cartographic devices generally be omitted. It is not necessary to state, for example, that information is shown by lines and patterns. If, however, the method of presentation is an important factor in the interpretation of the information shown, it should be noted in Characteristics. Such statements as "minerals data shown by proportional symbols," "population information shown by dots, each representing 10,000 people," etc., are in this category. Also, a map may be described as a choropleth map, an isopleth map, etc.

3. If the quality of the cartographic presentation is of particular significance in the evaluation of the map, it should be noted under the heading Evaluation.